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SHAPING APPARATUS  
AND METHOD OF USE

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Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 15-28 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 29 through 48 as follows:

29. The device of claim 1 having a non-circular shape.
30. The device of claim 29 wherein the shaper has a short and a long axis.
31. The device of claim 30 wherein the ratio of short to long axis is about 0.5.
32. The device of claim 1 wherein the shaper is ellipsoid in shape.

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